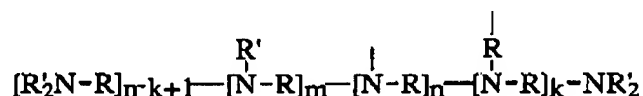2

Please add new claim 14 to read as follows:

14. (New) A composition according to Claim 13, wherein said polymer comprises a polyamine backbone corresponding to the formula:
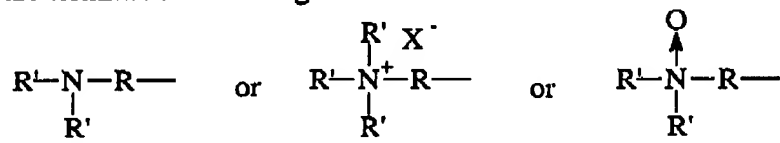
$$[R_2'N\text{-}R]_{n+1}\text{-}[\overset{\overset{\displaystyle R'}{|}}{N}\text{-}R]_m\text{-}[\overset{|}{N}\text{-}R]_n\text{-}NR_2'$$

having a polyamine formula $V_{(n+1)}W_mY_nZ$ or a polyamine backbone corresponding to the formula:

$$[R_2'N\text{-}R]_{n\text{-}k+1}\text{-}[\overset{\overset{\displaystyle R'}{|}}{N}\text{-}R]_m\text{-}[\overset{|}{N}\text{-}R]_n\text{-}[\overset{\overset{\displaystyle R}{|}}{N}\text{-}R]_k\text{-}NR_2'$$
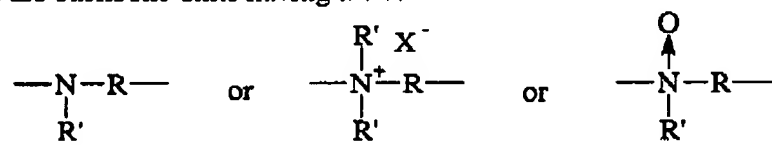
having a polyamine formula $V_{(n\text{-}k+1)}W_mY_nY_k'Z$, wherein k is less than or equal to n, said polyamine backbone has a molecular weight greater than 200 daltons, wherein
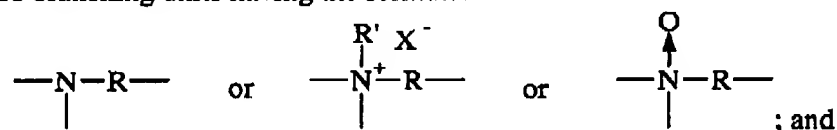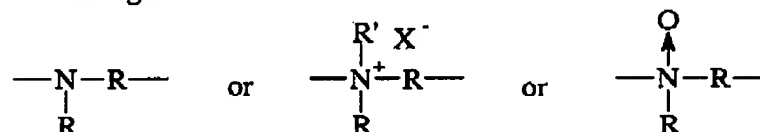
i) V units are terminal units having the formula:

$$R'\text{-}\overset{\overset{\displaystyle R}{|}}{\underset{\underset{\displaystyle R'}{|}}{N}}\text{-}R\text{-} \quad \text{or} \quad R'\text{-}\overset{\overset{\displaystyle R'}{|}}{\underset{\underset{\displaystyle R'}{|}}{\overset{+}{N}}}\text{-}R\text{-} \ \ X^- \quad \text{or} \quad R'\text{-}\overset{\overset{\displaystyle O}{\uparrow}}{\underset{\underset{\displaystyle R'}{|}}{N}}\text{-}R\text{-} \ ;$$

ii) W units are backbone units having the formula:

$$\text{-}\overset{\overset{\displaystyle R}{|}}{\underset{\underset{\displaystyle R'}{|}}{N}}\text{-}R\text{-} \quad \text{or} \quad \text{-}\overset{\overset{\displaystyle R'}{|}}{\underset{\underset{\displaystyle R'}{|}}{\overset{+}{N}}}\text{-}R\text{-} \ \ X^- \quad \text{or} \quad \text{-}\overset{\overset{\displaystyle O}{\uparrow}}{\underset{\underset{\displaystyle R'}{|}}{N}}\text{-}R\text{-} \ ;$$

iii) Y units are branching units having the formula:

$$\text{-}\overset{|}{\underset{\underset{\displaystyle |}{}}{N}}\text{-}R\text{-} \quad \text{or} \quad \text{-}\overset{\overset{\displaystyle R'}{|}}{\underset{\underset{\displaystyle |}{}}{\overset{+}{N}}}\text{-}R\text{-} \ \ X^- \quad \text{or} \quad \text{-}\overset{\overset{\displaystyle O}{\uparrow}}{\underset{\underset{\displaystyle |}{}}{N}}\text{-}R\text{-} \ ; \text{and}$$

iv) Y' units are branch point for a backbone or branch ring having the formula:

$$\text{-}\overset{|}{\underset{\underset{\displaystyle R}{|}}{N}}\text{-}R\text{-} \quad \text{or} \quad \text{-}\overset{\overset{\displaystyle R'}{|}}{\underset{\underset{\displaystyle R}{|}}{\overset{+}{N}}}\text{-}R\text{-} \ \ X^- \quad \text{or} \quad \text{-}\overset{\overset{\displaystyle O}{\uparrow}}{\underset{\underset{\displaystyle R}{|}}{N}}\text{-}R\text{-}$$

v) Z units are terminal units having the formula: